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THE JULY 6 EDITION OF KUWAIT DAILY AL SIYASAH
CARRIES AN INTERVIEW OF JORDANIAN KING HUSSEIN,
THE HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH FOLLOW:

A. ON THE DANGER OF CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE
EAST, HUSSEIN IMPLIED THAT THE "TOPPLING" OF THE
ISRAELI LABOR PARTY HAD INCREASED THIS DANGER BUT
THAT THE ARMS IMBALANCE AGAINST THE ARABS WAS
THE BASIC CAUSE OF IT. HE NOTED THAT EGYPT WAS
HAVING TROUBLE GETTING MILITARY SPARE PARTS AND THAT
SYRIAN FORCES WERE SPLIT, WITH SOME OCCUPIED IN
LEBANON. ON THE PLUS SIDE, HOWEVER, HUSSEIN
OPINED THAT THE "AMERICAN VIEW HAS CHANGED FOR
THE ARABS."

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B. REGARDING A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND IN
JORDANIAN TERRITORY, THE KING REPORTEDLY SAID
THAT "THIS MIGHT BE AN ISRAELI DREAM BUT NO ARAB
SUPPORTS IT. I DON'T BELIEVE IT." LATER IN THE
INTERVIEW HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE SAID THAT "JORDAN
HAS NOT INVITED YASIR ARAFAT" TO VISIT "" IT IS "WAITING
FOR SUITABLE CIRCUMSTANCES." REGARDING A "UNITED

KINGDOM," HUSSEIN IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT
"IT IS A NONEXISTENT CONCEPT" WHICH COULD EXIST
ONLY AFTER A "PALESTINIAN PLEBISCITE" AND THAT
IT WOULD BE MERELY ONE OF VARIOUS WAYS TO "DEFINE THE RELATIONS
BETWEEN JORDAN AND THE PALESTINIANS."

C. KING HUSSEIN REPORTEDLY REJECTED THE
REPORTER'S ASSERTION THAT THE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO
"CIA AID" TO HIM MAY HAVE BEEN A US PLOY TO
DEPOSE HIM AND SET UP PALESTINIAN STATE. HE
ADDED THAT WHEN PRESIDENT CARTER TALKED TO HIM
ABOUT A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND "HE MEANT THE WEST
BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP."

D. ASKED WHETHER HE FAVORED AN ARAB
SUMMIT IN LIBYA, THE KING REPORTEDLY SAID: "WHY
NOT?"

E. REGARDING AID TO JORDAN BY ARAB OIL STATES,
HUSSEIN IS REPORTED TO HAVE REVEALED HIS PLANS
FOR TRIPS TO SAUDI ARABIA AND "GULF COUNTRIES"
SHORTLY, AS WELL AS TO EGYPT, AND AS BEING
THANKFUL FOR THEIR AID, BUT AS NOT WANTING
ANYTHING SPECIFIC IN THE WAY OF FINANCIAL AID NOW.

F. THE KING REORTEDLY HAD NOT HEARD A RUMOR
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TO THE EFFECT THAT HE PLANNED TO MARRY A RELATIVE
OF PRES. ASAD OF SYRIA AND SAID "THIS IDEA
DOES NOT EXIST."
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